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VEDAS/ARGON 16 June 1959 COR 0497
Report by RMB on 15 June 59 mtg
Present: Roy Johnson; Dr. Golovan, Messrs. Godel and Gise of ARPA
Dr. Bruce Billings of DDR&E (York's office). AGREED:

Project VEDAS to be carried forward provided York's office
cld arrange financing; VEDAS shots to be addtl to DISCOVERER
series, VEDAS program to be organized substantially on pattern
of CORONA except tech mgmt would be joint ARPA/CIA;
and the Army/Map Service wld be major customer for whose
benefit VEDAS wld be conducted and a rep of Army wld be
included in planning.

Same contractorsK: Lockheed, GE and Itek.

CIA to have respoknsibility for security of VEDAS to protect COR.

CIA to procure covert items but presumably not 1st and 2nd stage.

Program to consist of 4 flts. 1st hopefully by July 1960 or
Sept 1960 at latest. Estimated cost [redacted]

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Contractors for GE/Itek study to be told initial contract
has been abandoned; then reissue covert CIA contracts for
subsequent work.

Mr. Johnson made strong request for a full-time liaison
officer to ARPA from CIA to aid in cover problems. RMB
agreed to need and approved [redacted] as candidate.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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